



Meet the Montana DRIVE Instructors!



Denise Bordeleau began teaching at Montana DRIVE in 2013. Denise is a Butte School District welding technology instructor during the school year. Since 1997, she has taught summer traffic education in Butte. Denise is also an active member of the Montana Traffic Education Association (MTEA).



Susan Carney began teaching advanced driving at Montana DRIVE in 2010. During the school year, she teaches driver education and physical education in Arlee. She also teaches summer courses in Traffic Safety Education as an adjunct instructor at MSU-Northern. She is a past president of the Montana Traffic Education Association (MTEA) and is an active member of the MTEA board.



Jim Carroll began teaching at Montana Drive in 1986. He is the lead Traffic Education Instructor and District Transportation Director for Conrad Public Schools, where he is responsible for bus driver training. He also coaches sports and is the district's Activities Director. Jim is the Executive Secretary of the Montana Traffic Education Association and was President of the Montana Association for Pupil Transportation during 2015-2016. Jim also instructs a college-level traffic safety education course at MSU-Northern.



Mick Davis has been a Montana DRIVE instructor since 1998. In 2014, he retired from a 38-year-career as a health enhancement teacher in Great Falls where he also taught driver education. He has been an active member of the Montana Traffic Education Association (MTEA) for more than two decades and served as the president of the MTEA in 2010 and 2014.



Bruce Kubler has taught advanced driving at Montana DRIVE since 2005. He works for the Stevensville School District as a school bus driver and is on the Board of Directors of the Montana Association for Pupil Transportation. Before moving to the Bitterroot Valley, Bruce trained school bus drivers in California.



Harold Lair has extensive training in crash avoidance and since 1986 has worked as a Montana DRIVE instructor. He recently retired as a teacher of English and driver education after more than 40 years of teaching, most of them spent in Polson. He has been President of the Montana Traffic Education Association (MTEA) three times, MTEA's Teacher of the Year twice, and served as a National Driver Educator of the Year.



Myles Laird began teaching at Montana DRIVE in 2010. He earned his Traffic Education license in 1997, and has taught summer programs in several hi-line districts over the years. In addition to teaching special education and driver education, Myles is a substitute bus driver and coach.



Dave McConnell has taught at Montana DRIVE since 1985. He was a physical education and health instructor for 35 years, which included 8 years teaching Army and Air Force dependent children in Germany. After retiring, he worked as a school bus driver. Currently, he is a driver education instructor for the Lewistown Public Schools and drives buses for the Council on Aging. He is a past MTEA president and was the 1992 MTEA Traffic Education Teacher of the Year.



Jeff Mead has taught at Montana DRIVE since 2007. After a long career as athletic director and driver education instructor in eastern Montana, he semi-retired in 2014. He is a past president of MTEA and has served on the MTEA Executive Board. He currently teaches driver education in Savage and Sidney and promotes bicycle safety in Sidney, MT.



Jerry Olson began teaching at Montana DRIVE in 2013. During the school year, Jerry is an art teacher and driver education instructor in Great Falls. Jerry began teaching driver education in 2005 and was the 2012 Montana Traffic Education Teacher of the Year. Jerry also teaches a MSU-Northern traffic safety course.



Brett Shelagowski began teaching at Montana DRIVE in 2017. During the school year, Brett teaches driver education and life science at Lewistown Junior High School. He also teaches driver education in the summer for Lewistown and Winnett Public Schools.